

MINUTES
TOWN OF DARIEN BOARD OF EDUCATION CENTRAL OFFICE/
MATHER CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

The regular meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Education Central Office/Mather Center Building Committee was held on January 24, 2012. Present were Chairman Norm Guimond, Vice Chairman Robin Woods, Louis Gesauldi, John Hertz and Elizabeth Hagerty-Ross. Also present were Architects Rusty Malik and Tom Arcari, Nick Everett – A.P. Construction, Mike Lynch Board of Education Facilities Director and Town Administrator Karl Kilduff.

Chairman Guimond called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Project Update

Chairman Guimond discussed the operating savings to be seen with the conversion of 35 Leroy to natural gas compared to oil. It was noted that the HVAC equipment would also be high efficiency. The Darien Sports Shop expressed an interest in connecting to natural gas and partnering with the Town. The Committee determined that it would proceed with changing the fuel for the HVAC system at 35 Leroy to natural gas and it would continue to find partners to reduce the cost of connection. Mr. Malik noted that an energy efficiency rebate from Yankee Gas for the high efficiency system could yield at least \$10,000.

The status of the professional service contract was discussed. It was noted that Whole Foods would make its parking lot available for overflow for 35 Leroy events. This information was shared with the traffic consultant as well as information on the football program using the Town Hall parking lots.

Mr. Malik reported on the status of design documents for 35 Leroy and the planned land use approval meetings. The removal of the 2 underground storage tanks on the site was also discussed as a project activity funded with funds the Town already had on hand.

Mr. Arcari reported on the status of the Mather Center's design documents and the timing of land use approval which would come after 35 Leroy.

The Committee discussed the State school reimbursement process for 35 Leroy. Mr. Malik did not believe that adding this process to the project would delay the schedule. The Committee reviewed the process, possible reimbursement rate and timing of a decision by the State. Adding this process would increase the architect's scope of work but the architect's noted that the impact of the fees could be negotiated.

Mr. Everett stated that he wanted to do another construction budget once 100% of the design development documents were completed. He would then verify the budget when the construction documents were 50% complete.

b) Other Items of Relevance to the Committee

There were no other items discussed by the Committee.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff

Administrative Officer